

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on January 8, 2007  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary  
Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 1, 1/4/2007; SB 7, 1/4/2007;  
SB 40, 1/4/2007; SB 47, 1/4/2007  
Executive Action: SB 40

**HEARING ON SB 1**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:01 **SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D) , SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SB 1**, Information disclosure requirements for material submitted to Legislature.

**Proponents:** None.

**Opponents:**

00:07:45 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

00:08:52 Bob Gilbert

00:10:27 Riley Johnson

00:11:30 Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association

**EXHIBIT**(sts04a01)

00:13:22 Beth Brenneman, Advocacy Program for Persons with Disabilities

00:14:44 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:15:55 Scott Crichton, Montana American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

00:17:13 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:38 Sen. Joe Balyeat to Sen. Weinberg

00:22:06 Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legislative Services Division, (LSD), to Sen. Weinberg

00:22:24 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Weinberg

00:23:22 Sen. Carolyn Squires to Sen. Weinberg

00:24:07 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Sen. Weinberg

00:29:38 Sen. Squires to Sen. Weinberg

00:31:44 Sen. Joe Tropila to Sen. Weinberg

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:49 Sen. Weinberg closed on SB 1

**HEARING ON SB 7**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:19 **SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY (R), SD 45**, opened the hearing on **SB 7**, Legislative veto of administrative rules.

**Proponents:**

00:41:38 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:42:07 Kristi Blazer, Montana Mortgage Brokers and Montana Beer Association

**Opponents:**

00:42:58 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:48:01 Steve Meloy, Board of Public Education

00:51:38 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:52:16 Dal Smilie, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Administration (DOA)

00:54:53 Jean Branscum, Office of the Honorable Secretary of State (Secretary of State's Office)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:57:02 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Ms. Hedges, MEIC

00:58:16 Sen. Squires to Ms. Hedges, MEIC

00:58:45 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Smilie, DOA

01:00:07 Sen. Balyeat to Ms. Hedges, MEIC

01:03:20 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Jim Shockley

01:06:20 Sen. Essmann to Sen. Shockley

01:09:00 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Shockley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:14:05 Sen. Shockley closed on SB 7

**HEARING ON SB 40**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:17:11 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47**, opened the hearing on **SB 40**, Gender neutralize and conform code language to bill drafting manual.

**Proponents:** None.

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

01:19:56 Greg Petesch, Code Commissioner, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:23:56 Sen. Tropila to Mr. Petesch, LSD

01:24:26 Sen. Balyeat to Mr. Petesch, LSD

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:25:26 Sen. Cocchiarella closed on SB 40

**HEARING ON SB 47**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:26:36 **SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31**, opened the hearing on **SB 47**, Clarify sponsor notification for administrative rules.

**Proponents:**

01:28:26 Kathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

01:28:57 Riley Johnson

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

01:31:25 Jean Branscum, Secretary of State's Office

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:31:46 Sen. Shockley to Sen. Esp

01:32:21 Sen. Squires to Ms. McGowan, MSPOA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:33:06 Sen. Esp closed on SB 47

**Discussion:**

01:33:41 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Squires

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 40**

01:34:15 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 40 DO PASS.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:35:16 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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